



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFIC

In re application of:

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For: STRUCTURAL MODIFICATION OF 19-NORPROGESTERONE I: 17-ALPHA-SUBSTITUTED-11-BETA-SUBSTITUTED-4-ARYL AND 21-SUBSTITUTED 19-NORPREGNADIENEDIONE AS NEW ANTIPROGESTATIONAL AGENTS Examiner:

B. Badio

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 14, 2002. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before August 14, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination is also submitted concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Badio for the telephone interview held on August 1, 2002. During the telephonic interview, the § 103 obviousness rejections over the Scholz and Peeters references were discussed with Examiner Badio, and it was agreed that the Examiner would reconsider the obviousness rejections in view of our